

# .. COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE ..

## KNOB LICK

Fine winter weather. Mrs. W. Beard is visiting in Fredericktown this week. Mrs. Kiney of Mine La Motte visited relatives here last week. Ralph Hughes returned Friday from DeSoto, where he spent a few days. Miss Susie Milne of St. Louis is visiting her mother, Mrs. Forster, of this place. Hugh McDowell of Desloge spent Sunday with home folks here. Charles Medley and wife and family, formerly of St. Louis, have come to our town to reside. Miss Thelma Grady of Desloge spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wallace. Mr. Peterson is visiting home folks at this writing. James Lowe, who has employment in the Lead Belt, visited home folks here Sunday. Mrs. M. Wampler is on the sick list at this writing. Tom Sykes visited home folks here Sunday. Joseph Bayless of Desloge is spending a few days with home folks here. Bill Benton is seriously ill at this writing. Miss Lottie Williams of Paragould, Ark., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Florence Acuff. Ernest Baker of Desloge spent Sunday with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howlett entertained a party of young folks at their home Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. James Benton are the proud parents of a baby girl, which arrived Sunday morning. As the Knob Lick section crew was going over the south end of the section on a motor car, they noticed a rabbit on Hardy's switch jumping up and down as though it was fastened. They stopped the car and found that its fore feet were frozen tight to the rail. Who can beat this? Clarence Snyder of Hot Springs, Ark., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ed Snyder, at this writing. Mrs. Alex Milne of Desloge is visiting relatives here this week. Salesman Snyder was a business visitor in Knob Lick Monday. Will Shaw of Libertyville was a Knob Lick visitor Saturday. Everybody come to Sunday School. Rev. Yount will fill his regular appointment here Friday and Saturday evening. All try to attend.

## VALLE'S MINES

Miss Lizzie Rowe visited her sister, Mrs. George Barbey, Tuesday. Mrs. James Bunt was the guest of Mrs. C. R. McClain Tuesday. Steve and Arthur Sykes were De Soto visitors Wednesday. Gus Frazier was a Bonne Terre visitor Wednesday. Joe Ratty of Elvins visited his brother Preston Ratty, Wednesday and Thursday. W. H. Bunt was a DeSoto visitor Wednesday. Mrs. Beatie Downy of St. Louis visited her sister, Mrs. Lucy Turley, a few days last week. The Ladies' Aid of Valle's Mines met at the church house Thursday. The following were present: Mrs. James Bunt, Mrs. Lucy Turley, Mrs. Tildie Rowe, Mrs. Gus Frazier and Mrs. Beatie Downy of St. Louis. Miss Sally Semar visited her parents in Franklney from Friday until Sunday evening. Mrs. Ab Rowe and daughter visited relatives in Bonne Terre the latter part of last week. Miss Edna Harversick visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Harversick, the latter part of last week. Miss Della Porterfield visited her parents in Bonne Terre a few days last week. Miss Edith Rowe visited her sister, Mrs. Charley Nees, a few days last week. There will be a pie supper at the school house Saturday night, January 20th. John Parker of Festus was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday. A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Whaley Saturday night in honor of Homer Rhodes, on his twenty-fourth birthday. Among

those present were: Misses Anna and Ada Heaton, Rosa and Pearl Whitesell, Mr. and Mrs. James Bunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rowe, Messrs. Edward Heaton, Lee Douglas, Arthur, Earl and Clarence Sykes, Jake Busher, Homer Rhodes, George and Maurice Whitesell, Harvey Rowe. All left at a late hour declaring they had a most enjoyable time.

Several from here attended church at Ruggly's Saturday night.

Wm. Whitesell of Festus visited his family here Saturday and Sunday. Albert Riddle and Lawrence Richardson were Hazel Run visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence Richardson visited friends and relatives near Hazel Run a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barbey of Hazel Run visited Mrs. Sarah Rowe Sunday. Arch Whaley was a Bonne Terre visitor Sunday.

Miss Mary Stephens of Desloge visited her mother, Mrs. Effie Turley, the latter part of last week.

Miss Addie Douglas visited her parents near Prospect a few days last week.

Miss Clara Horn of Desloge visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Harversick, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turley and children visited at the home of Mrs. E. Turley Sunday.

Church was well attended Sunday night.

Everybody invited to attend the pie supper Saturday night.

Misses Viola and Ava Thurman visited Miss Blanche Sykes Sunday.

Geo. Whitesell visited Miss Edna Harversick Sunday.

Clifton Aubuchon of French Village visited at the home of S. A. Sykes Sunday.

Leo Hammock of Flat River was a Valle's Mines visitor Sunday evening.

H. C. Rhodes was the guest of Miss Myrtle Heaton Sunday evening.

Clifton Aubuchon of French Village, Misses Viola and Ava Thurman of Ruggly attended church here Sunday night.

## ROUTE NO. 3

This is nice winter weather.

Miss Mamie Counts of near Salem spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Elvie Wampler.

Miss Elsie Silvey of Farmington spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Silvey, of Chestnut Ridge.

Roy Wampler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bloom and family.

Church at Pleasant Hill last Sunday.

James Womack of near here is hunting wood to town this week.

Noah Hammors is still on the sick list. This makes 125 days for his illness.

The board of the Madison school elected Miss Nellie Black of Elvins to succeed Miss Beryle Faulkner, who resigned as teacher of said school several months ago. Miss Black started teaching last Monday.

Samuel Hammors recently moved to Leadington, where he has employment.

Eugene Shinn, who has been ill for some time, is still improving slowly.

Elza Hammors of Leadington spent Sunday night at Oak Grove.

Wimple Gordon of Avon was a caller at Oak Grove last Sunday afternoon.

There will be prayer meeting at Chestnut Ridge next Sunday night. Everybody is invited to come.

Mrs. E. M. Smith is spending this week with her sick son, Luther Smith, of Farmington. Luther is very ill at this writing.

Elbert Gordon of Avon was a pleasant visitor at Pleasant Hill last Sunday afternoon.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bloom. Those present were: Misses Lena and Jessie Woods, Vere McCaney, Elsie and Anna Belle Silvey, Mary and Jessie Swearingen, Elvie Wampler, Viola Harter, Mamie Counts, Pearl and Merrill Thomas, Katie Barnes, Iva and Violet Mullins, Harty and Jessie Bowling, Ethel Vaughn, Mrs. Pingilley, Geo. and Ralph Shinn, Burle Porter, Luther Hawk, Wimple Gordon, Clarence and Ralph Wade, Noah and Roy Wampler, Andrew Lambert,

Wm., Thos. Burl and Julie Gordon, Clyde McDaniel, Bradie Mullins, Geo. Jennings, Harry Wampler; J. C. Orval and Burl Harter, Lawrence Herzog, Hines Bowman, Jodie Silvey, Wm. Woods, Bill Brannon, Herman Shinn and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ayers, and many others. All report a fine time.

## ELVINS

Sam Yount, an employee of the Doe Run Lead Co., at mill No. 3, got his finger badly mashed Friday while at work.

Jeff Layne, a former employee at the Doe Run Lead Co. mill, has accepted employment at the new Federal mill here.

F. E. Smith transacted business in Flat River Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Hunt spent Monday in Flat River.

Golden Harrison of Flat River was a visitor here Saturday.

Hy Smith is reported on the sick list.

A disastrous fire was reported, which happened Monday morning, Jan. 15th, at 4 o'clock. It was the home of Polite Elvins, which was completely destroyed.

James Fisher and wife of Joplin are spending a few days here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Freeman.

Mrs. T. Dean of Flat River spent Tuesday here with her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Haunert.

Joseph Gould was in Flat River Tuesday.

Mrs. I. M. Black and son of Flat River spent Tuesday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith.

The Royal Neighbors entertained Tuesday night the Modern Woodman Camp No. 7156.

Mrs. Jake Ritter is on the sick list.

Miss Mabel Schek is on the sick list.

Chas. O'Brien was in Flat River Tuesday.

Wm. Smith was in Flat River Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Parmely and daughter of Knob Lick spent the past few days here at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Maurer and family.

I. Miller of Flat River spent Tuesday here with relatives.

The river is frozen. The folks here are enjoying some skating.

the home of Morris Jones Tuesday.

Charley Lawson of Desloge spent Sunday here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lawson.

Mrs. Steve Cole, Jr., who underwent an operation at the Bonne Terre hospital some time ago, was able to be brought home Saturday.

Steve Cole, Jr., is confined to his house with la grippe.

## AVON

Fine winter weather at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boyd and little daughters, Laura Belle and Douglas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Boyd last Sunday.

Misses Stella Gordon and Pearl Frizzell were guests of relatives and friends at this place Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Miller spent Tuesday with Mrs. Henry Richey.

Miss Irene and Abigail Smith spent Saturday in Farmington at the bed side of their brother, J. L. Smith, who is seriously ill.

A wood saw, operated by B. E. Marks and son, was in this community the latter part of last week.

Miss Reeva Boyd was a guest at the home of Samuel Kennon Saturday night.

J. T. Russell returned to this place Thursday last week, after having spent several days with relatives and friends at Ellington and Sikeston.

Messrs. Leo Smith and Elvis Doughty of near Wesley Chapel spent Saturday night with E. M. Smith and family.

After a few days of summer weather and the quick return of old winter, we are again reminded of the wood house.

Floyd Biri of near this place was a Farmington visitor Saturday.

We understand the Minnith Free Exchange Telephone Co., owned and operated by the Basler brothers, has recently installed a new switchboard at the newly-erected central office at Coffman, of which we are confident all renters of same were glad to welcome, as the former one was in bad condition and gave poor service.

Mrs. E. M. Smith has been spending several days with relatives at Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beard and little son, Geo., Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Asban Adams and little daughter, Lena,

# Direct From Factory To You

The people of this county have been fooled long enough into buying stenciled pianos and paying standard prices, and since I have secured the agencies of these great Piano Manufacturers I consider that I have used good judgment and am offering the public a chance of deciding between the stenciled or cheaper grade of instruments at a great big price or straight-forward first-class instrument at a much lower price. That is my sole reason for not buying goods in St. Louis—as there are no pianos manufactured there and all that come from there are handled through the jobber or the middle-man, hence the cause of high prices and the stenciled pianos. I earnestly and honestly invite competition of both St. Francois county and St. Louis dealers. You may ask "How can you do it?" This I have previously explained, and now I ask you to inquire of the people who have already purchased and see if they are not satisfied with the "Gillam Way"—DIRECT FROM FACTORY TO HOME.

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## PRIMROSE

Those who enjoyed skating on the large pond of W. A. Jones of Melzo Sunday were, as follows: Misses Katie Hoelzel and Eva Jones, Amos Holdman, Carl Hoelzel, Howard and Clarence Blackwell.

Wm. Perkins transacted business in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Lawton Crossman was a guest of friends and relatives in the Lead Belt the latter part of last week.

J. C. King made a trip to Bonne Terre Tuesday.

Rev. Boyd of Koester, Mo., didn't fill his appointment at the Prospect school house Sunday morning.

Mrs. Vetal Pratte was shopping in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Fenton Rawson was a guest at the home of his uncle Thomas Rawson of near Prospect Sunday.

Lass Cash and Henry Lawson were guests at the home of Wm. A. Moon Sunday.

Marvin Whaley of near Prospect was a business visitor in Bonne Terre Saturday.

Ellis Moon, Leathel and Fenton Rawson attended the services at the Prospect school house Sunday.

Geo. Jones of Desloge motored out to Melzo Sunday and spent the evening with his brother, W. A. Jones, and family.

There was a dance given at the home of Wm. Snyder Saturday evening.

Leathel Rawson was a Bonne Terre visitor Sunday evening.

Jake Pettes of Bonne Terre motored out here Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary Cash of near Big River was shopping in Bonne Terre the fore part of last week.

Mrs. Jennie Rawson and daughter, Miss Esther, were guests at the home of John Pettes Tuesday.

We are having some real winter weather at this writing.

Wm. A. Moon attended the meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of St. Francois County, in Farmington Friday, January 12.

Mr. Richardson of near here was in Bonne Terre one day last week.

Miss Emma Turley was shopping in Bonne Terre Tuesday.

Owing to the bad weather, there was no prayer meeting at the T. M. B. Church last Wednesday night.

Miss Annie Moon was a guest at

spent Sunday with N. A. Mertell and wife.

H. E. and Benton Boyd were guests of their sister, Mrs. Nicholas Rimbaugh of Minnith, Tuesday night.

Herbert and Russell Stokley spent Saturday night at Coldwater, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rodgers and baby, Lester, were guests of friends at Avon Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baker spent Sunday with Robert Whitener and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barron spent Friday night with the latter's brother, Joseph L. Smith, of Farmington, who is seriously ill with pneumonia and other complications.

Genevieve May Haynes (nee Smith) was born June 22, 1895 and departed this life January 8, 1917, being at the time of her death, 21 years, 5 months and 14 days of age. She was united in marriage to Leo Haynes about six years ago. To this union three children were born—Burl, Gertrude and James. All with the father survive. She also leaves a father and grandparents, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death. Her mother and sister, Nellie, preceded her in death a few years ago. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved. Interment took place at the Mayberry cemetery. Services conducted by Rev. W. E. Coffey.

## DOE RUN

Mr. and Mrs. John Hertz are reported ill this week.

Mrs. Wm. Meyer was a business visitor in Farmington Tuesday.

Fred Zimmer and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henrich spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Silvey.

Miss Ellen Lupkey of Elvins is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. James Keltner.

Miss Ethyl Wood is recovering from a serious spell of sickness.

Joe Faulkner and wife are visiting their daughter in Flat River.

Miss Blanche Gruner left yesterday for Flat River, where she will stay a while.

Mrs. Walter Brewen was visiting her son in Flat River last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lelia Corcorand was visiting in St. Louis last week.

## FLAT RIVER

Skating parties are very popular this week. Crowds of young people are enjoying the sport.

The girls' basketball team of our high school was again victorious, winning the game on Saturday night from Farmington by a score of 33 to six.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian Church held a very successful "Penny Social" last Thursday evening. The attendance was large, the games enjoyable, the program excellent and the receipts satisfactory. A nice sum was added to the piano fund.

The Lead Belt Woman's Club held a very profitable meeting last Friday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Dr. F. L. Keith, reported the plans made by the Executive Committee for the good of the club and community. The ladies are taking up these plans with enthusiasm. Mrs. O. W. Bleck of Farmington, by invitation of the President, met with the club and gave a report of the Ninth District meeting held at Charleston in November, and also told many interesting things connected with club work. Mrs. Bleck is President of the Ninth District. Following her address Misses Ila and Vida Abshier rendered a violin and piano duet, and refreshments of punch and cake were served by the young ladies present. The Library Committee is planning to have a "Book Day" when each member and all friends of the club will be asked to bring or send a good book for the library. The committee expects to purchase some books very soon. The public is urged to come and get books and enjoy the privileges of this library. The Charity Committee, of which Mrs. Dobbins is chairman, is planning to send a box of supplies to the Orphanage at Farmington. The committee has asked that everyone take an interest in this work and send a contribution of good clothing, canned fruit or groceries, to the basement of the Christian Church on Thursday, January 25th. There are a large number of children in the Orphanage from the Lead Belt and the people of this community should take an interest in this work and make liberal contributions. Don't forget the date, Jan. 25th.

The musical, which was to have been given at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday night by the piano pupils of Miss Elizabeth Farmer, and violin pupils of Prof. Hugh Porter, was postponed on account of the cold weather and illness of some of the pupils. The time for the recital will be announced for a later date.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murphy was buried last Sunday morning in a cemetery two miles from Farmington.

Mrs. D. H. Cameron was quite ill several days last week. She is some better at this writing.

Mrs. A. W. Miller and son, Edward, spent Saturday in St. Louis.

Mrs. S. W. Stophlet spent Monday afternoon with friends in Desloge.

Mrs. Claud Bair was sick with la grippe last week.

Rev. Morse H. Markley and daughter, Katherine, went to St. Louis Monday morning. Miss Katherine will enter a hospital there for an operation for appendicitis. Her friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. G. B. Williams and daughter, Jesse Ellen, went to St. Louis Tuesday.

Dr. S. W. Stophlet was in Elvins Tuesday calling and attending the Y. P. S. C. E., connected with the Presbyterian Church. He will hold preaching service in Elvins next Sunday evening, in the K. of P. Hall.

Tom Jones of East Flat River has been confined to his home by illness during the past week.

## Disastrous Fire.

The beautiful home of Polite Elvins was destroyed by fire Monday morning about 3:30. A young woman who is employed in the home gave the alarm. She was awakened by the smoke and noise of the fire and at once aroused Mr. and Mrs. Elvins. They found the stairway on fire and escape in that way blocked. They made their escape with their small son, Kells, through the sleeping porch and climbed down a tree. They had no time to get any clothes except a garment to throw around them, and their shoes. The house and all its contents was burned to the ground. It is not known how it caught. The flues and heating plant had been recently gone over. It was a cold night on which to be burned out of home and home. Some insurance was carried but whether it will cover the loss or not is not known by the writer. Mr. and Mrs. Elvins and son are staying for the present with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kells.

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